wont like.

It is of great importance to me, where they settle and. But as I would ~~have~~ not appear to have any particular interest in the matter last, they ~~would~~ should regard me as selfish, I have forborne to press the matter as otherwise I should.

When you was ~~[illegible]~~, about leaving, why did you not write me? Pardon my neglect, that I did not write. Well I am in a hurry—

So I am yours - in bonds of christian brotherhood

James. A. Smith

They say in Dover that they would like very much to hear you preach.

And if you could come along here - there will be no mistake. They will send for you if you will come, I have no doubt.

James A. Smith

July 17. 1852

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Hopkinton 17 of July. 1832
Tuesday noon

Brother Phelps—

I wrote you from Great Falls a two weeks. but since. and on my return from Hartford. upon a sheet, but sentful visit there, I have found in in passing through this place of your early ministry that you were not here.

The purport of that letter. was this. The Dover people have not succeeded in obtaining any body to preach for them. Every now and then. I have told them of a Phelps in Hopkinton. who might be obtained perhaps. and that in my opinion. he was just the man for them. But I am afraid. they consulted Andover upon the subject. The last time. I was at Dover. I urged the Matter again. And now I want to know if you can come on to Dover and preach for them. once, twice. a 8 times. If you can. I will tell them. If they will send for you, you will come. You must write to me directly. and come on & here and settle. They never can get any to settle. here, themselves. Dr Jay has been on & there. Him. I know. they